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***Concentrates in bankruptcy, commercial litigation, creditors' rights, workouts,
business reorganizations and corporate restructuring.
Serves as ADR neutral in mediation, arbitration and case evaluation.***

EDUCATION AND CLERKSHIP

Vanderbilt University, B.A. *cum laude*, 1963. Founder's Medalist in Oratory.
Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D. 1966. Editor in Chief, *Vanderbilt Law Review*; Member, Order of the Coif.
Law Clerk to Judge Griffin B. Bell, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1966-67.
Trained in Mediation and Arbitration by the American Arbitration Association and Resolution Resources Corporation.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Chair, American College of Bankruptcy (2001- ; President, 1997-2001).
Member, National Bankruptcy Conference (Executive Committee 1998-2000).
Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers.
Vice Chairman, Business Bankruptcy Committee of ABA Section on Business Law
Panel Member, American Arbitration Association.
Panel Member, Register of Mediators for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
Former Member, Advisory Committee on the Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure of the Judicial Conference of the United States by appointment of the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court (1993-1999).
Former Director, Association of Insolvency and Restructuring Advisors (formerly Association of Insolvency Accountants) (1997-1999).
President, Atlanta Bar Association, 1979-80.
Member, The American Law Institute.
Director, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute (President 1986-87).
Former Officer and Director, American Bankruptcy Institute.
Contributing Editor, *Norton Bankruptcy Law and Practice*.
Contributing Author, *Bankruptcy Litigation Manual*, Aspen Law & Business.
Member, Advisory Board, Bureau of National Affairs' *Bankruptcy Law Reporter*.
Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice*.
Formerly, Adjunct Professor in Trial Practice, Emory University School of Law.
Formerly, Acting Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Professor, Emory University School of Law.
Profiled in *Who's Who in American Law* (1992-2001).
Profiled as Bankruptcy, Business Reorganization and Creditors' Rights specialist in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Naifeh and Smith, 1987-2001).

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Paragon Trade Brands. Representing the Debtor in the Chapter 11 reorganization case of Paragon Trade Brands, a publicly held company and the leading manufacturer of store brand infant disposable diapers. Its total assets are scheduled at \$377,000,000.

The Krystal Company Unsecured Creditors' Committee. Represented the official committee of unsecured creditors in the chapter 11 case of Krystal, a public company operating more than 300 fast food locations with more than \$50 million of unsecured debt.

A.H. Robins Company, Incorporated. Represented E. Claiborne Robins, Chairman of the Board, and E. Claiborne Robins Jr., President, in their individual capacities in the Chapter 11 case of A.H. Robins Company, Incorporated.

These clients held more than 20% of the common stock of the debtor, and, taken together, all of the Robins family members held approximately 40%. I was involved in many aspects of this complex Chapter 11 proceeding, ranging from negotiations with companies who made bids to purchase the company, to negotiations concerning various aspects of a multi-billion dollar plan of reorganization which resulted in a substantial return to shareholders.

Cajun Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. Represented this Louisiana generation and transmission electric cooperative in its restructure of more than \$3 billion in debt with agencies of the Federal Government and private lenders and in a subsequent Chapter 11 case commenced in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Colony Square. Represented The Prudential Insurance Company of America, the holder of a \$200,000,000 claim against the debtor, in resisting the vigorous efforts of the debtor to set aside the terms of a plan of reorganization. Prudential is now the record owner of Colony Square, a major multi-use real estate complex in Atlanta.

Great American Management and Investment. Served as lead bankruptcy counsel to GAMI, the third largest REIT in the United States, as debtor and debtor-in-possession. GAMI owed in excess of \$300 million in unsecured debt to 50 domestic and European banks and three classes of subordinated bondholders. GAMI's Chapter XI was filed in 1977 and a plan of arrangement was confirmed in less than twenty-four months.

Holiday Inn Worldwide. Represents the interests of Holiday Inns, as franchisor, in chapter 11 cases throughout the United States.

ITT Sheraton Corporation, Franchise Division. Represents the interests of ITT Sheraton Corporation, as franchisor, in chapter 11 cases throughout the United States.

Southmark Corporation. Served as court appointed Examiner in the large, highly publicized Chapter 11 case of Southmark Corporation, a real estate and financial services conglomerate with stated assets of over \$8.5 billion. Alston & Bird was approved by the court in Dallas to serve as counsel to the Examiner. The Examiner rendered for the court an in-depth analysis of pre-petition fraudulent, preferential and other transactions with a face value of over three-quarters of a billion dollars which formed the basis for substantial recoveries against corporate insiders and other parties.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURING

Speaker, The National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, 1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1994 and 1996 and the Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges, Mystic, Connecticut, May 1991; Denver, Colorado, April 1993; Seattle, Washington, April, 1998; Denver, Colorado, August 1998, and New Orleans, Louisiana, November, 1998.

Speaker, NYU Workshop on Bankruptcy and Business Reorganization, New York City, 1991-2001.

Speaker, "Fundamentals of Bankruptcy Law" sponsored by American Law Institute-American Bar Association in several cities during 1984-2001.

Speaker, Norton Bankruptcy Institutes, 1984-2001.

Speaker, "Views from the Bench" sponsored by Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., 1998.

Speaker, Annual Southeast Bankruptcy Workshop sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute, Hilton Head, South Carolina, 1996, 1998 and 2000.

Chairman, "Current Problems in Chapter 11 Practice" sponsored by Prentice Hall Law & Business in New York and San Francisco, 1990-95.

Speaker, "Problem Loans and Workouts" sponsored by Robert Morris Associates in several cities during 1984-89.

Speaker, "Loan Workout and Turnaround" sponsored by The Bank Lending Institute in several cities during 1986-89.

Speaker, "Strategies for Non-Performing Loan Turnaround" sponsored by The Banking Law Institute, Atlanta, Georgia, 1986.

Speaker, 25th Annual Legal Symposium sponsored by the International Franchise Association, Washington, D.C., 1992.

Speaker, Corporate Counsel Bankruptcy Law Institute, Spring 1987.

Speaker, Alabama Bar Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Birmingham, Alabama, 1990, 1992 and 1995.

Speaker, Mississippi Bankruptcy Conference, Jackson, Mississippi, 1988, 1992 and 1995.

Speaker, Bankruptcy Seminar Law and Practice sponsored by Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, 1990 and 1998.

Speaker, Bankruptcy Bar Association of the Southern District of Florida, Miami, Florida, 1988.

Speaker, 15th Annual Bankruptcy Institute sponsored by the North Carolina Bar Foundation, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1992.

Speaker, 4th, 6th and 7th Biennial MidWest/MidSouth Bankruptcy Institute sponsored by the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky, 1989, 1993 and 1995.

Speaker, Mid-South Commercial Law Institute, Nashville, Tennessee, 1989-92, 1994, 1995 and 1997-1999.

Speaker, Oklahoma Bar Advanced Bankruptcy Program, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1999 and 2001.

Commentator, Symposium on Bankruptcy Chapter 11 Issues sponsored by the University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, 1993.

Co-Author, *Problem Loan Strategies* (published 1985 and 1998 by Robert Morris Associates, the national association of bank loan and credit officers).